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SUBJECT: GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (GORM)

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1. REFTELS AS WELL AS SEVERAL COMPANION MESSAGES MAKE QUITE CLEAR IMPORTANCE DEPARTMENT, ESPECIALLY AFRICAN BUREAU, ATTACHING TO GORM/ZBB EXERCISE. I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS KIND OF MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND ANALYSIS IS CENTRAL TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT EARLY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FIELD ARE NEEDED TO ASSURE TIMELY COMPILATION OF MATERIALS BY BUREAU.

2. BUT SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE. FOR MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL RESOURCES. ON ONE HAND WASHINGTON HAS BEEN SILENT. ON OTHER BETWEEN AF AND DEPARTMENT IN GENERAL WE ARE BEING ASKED TO DO GORM/ZBB EXERCISE, ALL STATE EFFICIENCY REPORTS AND ALSO SEND OUR ADMIN OFFICER TO NAIROBI FOR TWO WEEKS FOR A B AND F CONFERENCE AT ESSENTIALLY SAME TIME. MEANWHILE, LIFE GOES ON. THE BUSINESSMEN, JOURNALISTS, VARIOUS WASHINGTON OFFICIALS, ETC. KEEP COMING AND NEED TO BE SEEN. THEIR BUSINESS IS ALSO IMPORTANT. WHILE TRYING TO KEEP ELEVATORS RUNNING AND ALL THE REST
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OUR ADMIN OFFICER FINDS HIMSELF AT A DELICATE STAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MY LANDLORD REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF THE RESIDENCE. THERE SIMPLY AREN'T THAT MANY PEOPLE HERE. THE PEOPLE WHO WILL DO THE GORM/ZBB ANALYSIS ARE THE ONES WHO ARE DOING EVERYTHING ELSE. MOREOVER, THE GORM/ZBB PROJECT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE THROWN TOGETHER IN A FEW MINUTES.

3. IF IT WERE JUST A MATTER OF EXTRA WORK, I WOULD NOT SEND THIS MESSAGE. MY CONCERN IS THAT IF ANYONE REALLY INTENDS TO REDUCE OUR STAFF BY FIVE OR TEN PER CENT, THERE ARE SOME SERIOUS POLICY PROBLEMS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HERE. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE WE ARE BEGINNING IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVERAL PROGRAMS AND IT WOULD BE INSANE TO PLAN ON REDUCING THE SIZE OF THIS MISSION. (MOREOVER, PROJECTED MAJOR INCREASES IN BOTH FMS AND AID PROGRAMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN LAID BEFORE CONGRESS.) BUT IF THIS IS TRUE, WHY MUST WE GO THROUGH TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS OF WORKING OUT ALL THE DETAILED INFO CALLED FOR IN REFTELS?

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO REVIEW THIS MATTER TO SEE IF EMBASSY KHARTOUM CAN BE GIVEN ANY RELIEF.
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